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PRELIMINARY REMARKS IN RESPONSE TO THE EXAMINER'S ACTION

DATED APRIL 11, 2002

Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following remarks in response to the Final Office Action dated April 11, 2001, in view of the Request for Continued Examination.

REMARKS

Summary of the Invention

The invention provides methods of transplanting retinal cells by implanting isolated retinal stem cells from the retina of a mammal and/or implanting retinal cells differentiated from the retinal stem cells, into the retina of an individual.